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IN BRIEF

Six candidates now poised to run for Town Council seats

With time running out to qualify for the ballot, at least six candidates are now poised to run for four Town Council seats in Silverton's April 1 election, according to Assistant Town Clerk Anita Steck.

Voters will select four trustees, with the seats currently held by Anthony Edwards, Malcolm MacDougall, Karla Safranski and Pat Swonger up for a vote. Swonger is term limited and not eligible to run for re-election. Edwards told the *Standard* that he does not intend to run in the April 1 election.

Steck said Wednesday afternoon that Kevin Baldwin, MacDougall, Pete Maisel and Barbara Renowden had submitted petitions, and that two others — Nicole Bellman and Safranski — have taken out petitions but have not yet returned them.

Those wanting to run for Town Council have until 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, to submit petitions with at least 10 signatures of registered voters in order to get their names on the ballot.

The *Silverton Standard* and Silverton high school students will host a Candidates Night Forum Tuesday, March 18, from 7-9 p.m. at Town Hall.

Pot businesses show no interest in San Juan County so far

Marijuana-related businesses will be allowed in San Juan County effective March 23, but officials said they have yet to receive a single inquiry from anyone interested in such an enterprise here.

Meanwhile, the Silverton Town Council, in approving ballot language for its proposed taxes on retail marijuana sales and growing facilities Monday, estimates the taxes would bring in up to \$80,000 this year if approved, based on annual marijuana sales in town of \$2 million and wholesale growing facilities producing an equal dollar amount.

Town voters are being asked to approve a 1 percent sales tax on recreational marijuana and a 3 percent excise tax on wholesale marijuana production in the April 1 election.

But a separate ballot measure asks voters to repeal the ordinance passed in January to allow marijuana-related businesses in town.

EPA proposes plugging mine

Red & Bonita would be sealed in 2015 to stem flow of tainted water

By Mark Esper

The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed sealing the Red & Bonita Mine above Gladstone in an effort to stem acid-mine drainage flowing into Cement Creek and ultimately

into the Animas River.

The action, proposed for 2015, has the potential of greatly improving water quality downstream, with little downside, state and federal environmental officials said last week at a meeting of the Animas River Stakeholders Group.

Steven Way, coordinator for the EPA's efforts to address contamination on Cement Creek,

said the project may cost up to \$1.5 million and "it's anticipated that the EPA would pay for it." It could be accomplished in 2015.

The concrete bulkhead plugging the mine entrance would include a valve to allow sampling of water and restore the flow from the mine if necessary.

"We could see how the system responds," Way said. He suggested there could be seasonal releases

from the bulkhead if other discharge points prove problematic.

He pointed out that a team headed by the EPA entered the long-dormant mine last year and found it might be "favorable" for bulkheading.

"It doesn't appear to connect to other mines," Way said. And the bulkhead with a valve could facilitate future conveyance of

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KICKING IT!



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Participants in the 17th annual Silverton Kicksled Rodeo take off in the epic Ben Hur race around the block in downtown Silverton on Saturday, Feb. 22. More photos, Page 5.

For real: Fiber-optic contracts awarded

Summer construction appears near certain for long-awaited line

Silverton's long-awaited fiber-optic link to the outside world is set to arrive this summer, according to Pat Swonger, southwest Colorado's representative for EAGLE-Net, the nonprofit consortium working on the project.

Swonger, who is also a trustee for the Town of Silverton, said Monday that contracts have now been awarded to build the link from Durango to Silverton.

The fiber-optic link will run along the existing Tri-State transmission lines from Cascade to Silverton.

"Everything's on course for this summer," Swonger said, and by September or October the link should be complete to Silverton School.

"Everything's looking good," Swonger said.

Silverton is currently served by a series of microwave transmission towers between here and Durango, through which all Internet, cell phone and land

lines are routed. But residents and businesses here complain of slow Internet access, and increasing demand has raised concerns about the town's telecommunications infrastructure.

With the open-access fiber-optic link, Silverton is expected to gain access to cheaper and faster telecommunications services.

But Swonger, who for years spearheaded Operation: Linkup, a community effort to get a fiber-optic link to town, said the battle is not over.

"This is only one of our

goals," Swonger said. "We need to continue working to connect us to Ouray."

He said ultimately a fiber-optic line should be extended to the north, providing redundancy for both towns' telecommunications needs.

Swonger said that with the new fiber-optic line, Internet speeds should be "at least four times faster than what we have now."

Last October, EAGLE-Net officials said the cost of the link to Silverton would be \$3.4 million.

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The La Plata Miner newspaper began publication on July 10, 1875, after newspaper pioneer John R. Curry managed to haul an old press by pack mule over Stony Pass. The Silverton Standard newspaper began operations in 1899. The two newspapers merged in 1922.

Over the years, the newspapers have covered many important events, including the slaying of Town Marshal Clayton Osburn on August 24, 1881, and the subsequent lynching of two members of the notorious Ike Stockton Gang.

The newspaper also reported on the St. Patrick's Day snowslides of 1906 that killed some 20 miners in the San Juans, the Gold King Mine fire that killed six in June 1928, and on the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918-19 that killed 161 people in Silverton, some 10 percent of the population.

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Safety first: ATVs unfit for streets

By Everett Lyons

OHVs (ATV/ROV) are special. They are not just another car or truck or RV or motorcycle or horse-drawn stagecoach — you get the drift. They are built and designed to be driven off road — and according to their manufacturers (Polaris, Honda, etc) should be driven off road only.

This fact is clearly stated in ATV and ROV manuals, and on the OHVs themselves. An example: Polaris Ranger RZR XP (ROV) manual states “Never Operate on public roads or on paved surfaces- pavement may seriously affect handling and

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control”; another example: Polaris Scrambler 850XP (ATV) manual states “Never operate on public roads — a collision can occur with another vehicle.” Other examples can be found in the reference listed below.

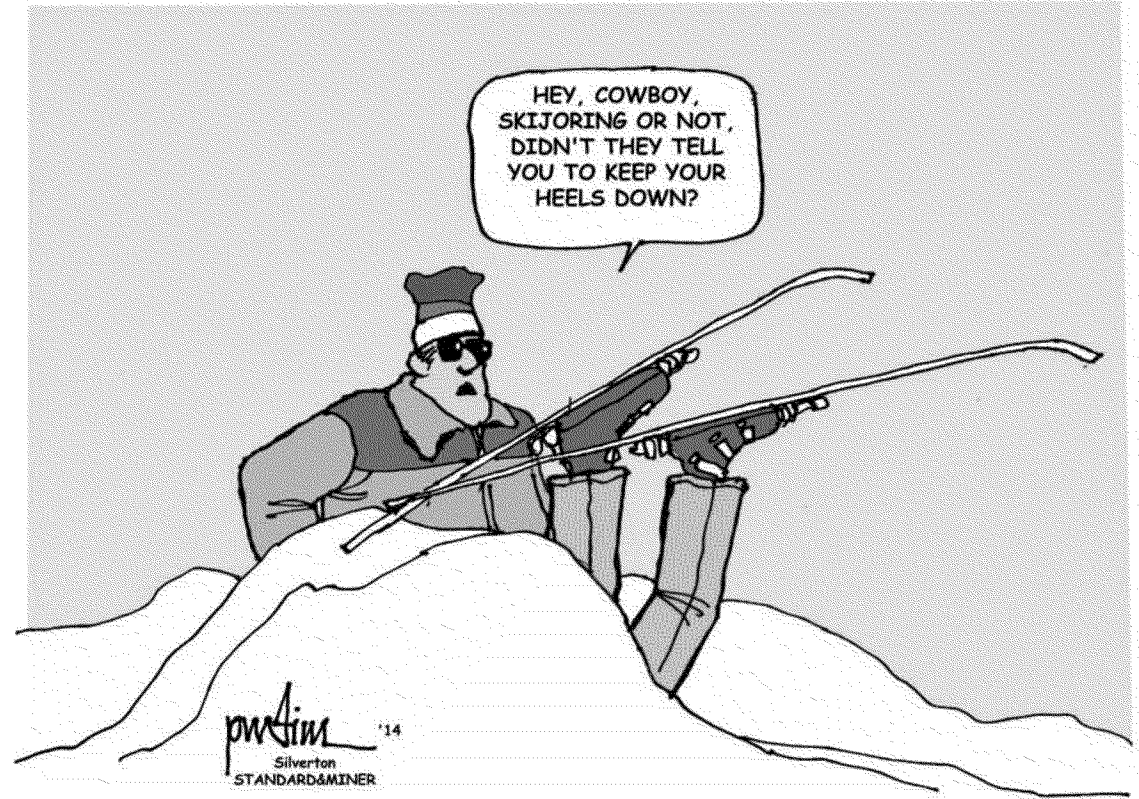
In December 2013, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) released a report titled “On-Road All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) Fatalities in the United States.”

This report addresses ATV on-road fatalities from 2007 through 2011, using data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting

Systems or FARS, and states “The current situation is that vehicles designed for off-road use are involved in more on-road than off-road crashes.” This should concern our citizens. It should also concern our visitors — especially those who ride ATVs.

If the initiative for OHVs in town is approved, OHVs will be allowed on select streets of Silverton, including the full length of Greene Street (a paved road), Blair Street, and all of the intersecting streets connecting Green and Blair.

This is Silverton's hub, where the majority of summer business takes place; a busy place where
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Old dogs, new tricks

By Freddie Canfield

I am greeted visually with a pastel sunrise prior to 7 a.m. Wednesday morning with alpine glow beginning at 6:40. Sun will reach the dog deck at 9:20.

Days stretch out ever longer during February. The shortest month lacks but three days to reach completion. Clouds rush in from the north-north-east. Another day of snow and ice melt has begun.

Our weather week began on the 19th, with 38.3 as a high, and growing overcast leading to 4.5 inches measurable Thursday at 7 a.m., with 7.7 above.

We hit a high of 24.6, and got another 0.4 inches Friday on the ground, with minus 6 at 7 a.m. Beyond that bottom-out, day temperatures gradually warmed up for the rest of our most recent weather week. Not so fast that your correspondent missed out on highly aerobic musing opportunities.

Sally, my beloved lead Alaskan husky, has returned to her original Hastings Mesa home two miles from the nearest paved road. Now blind and no longer up to pulling, she is joining a group of other old girl dogs in her 2-legged mom's off-the-grid kennel.

Her straight arrow speed and power were a joy to share for seven of eight years. Now 14, Sally will be her soft, sensitive lovable self at Lisa Knight's place. Loving enough to let go is deeply fulfilling — caring and sharing outweighs any attachment. My heart opens freely.

Warm days and melt out make bike riding challenging, also. Challenge is good — it keeps us alive. My good friend, Edith Mary, decided that sled dogs can be good hiking companions.

Sam, my spry old guy, never has been one to walk sedately at heel. Ninja, Quantana Aroo is

WEATHER AND OBSERVATIONS

Date	High	Low	Precip., conditions
Feb. 19	38	8	4.5", faint overcast
Feb. 20	25	-6	0.4", faint overcast
Feb. 21	35	4	Somewhat clear
Feb. 22	38	-1	Clear
Feb. 23	45	-2	Clear
Feb. 24	48	-2	Clear
Feb. 25	46	0	Partial mix
Season's snow total: 123.5 inches			

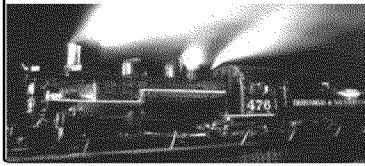
liable to do anything and everything, given the opportunity. So, my son Mark and I laughed at the likely rodeo in the making — only to be amazed and humbled. Ninja responds so well to E.M.'s calm, consistent, patient ways. Sam, Day 2 of dog walking, after a couple of 360s, settled down and didn't pull my arm off — for over a mile. Backcountry hikes on lead beckon. Thank you, E.M.! Proof positive — you can teach old dogs new tricks — even Freddie!

Mark and I ate another bunch of fresh pineapple — fully focused on the Pineapple Express. We also watched Charlie Chaplin's 1925 silent feature “The Gold Rush” Tuesday night and Buster Keaton's “The Frozen North” the night before. We are now so attuned to lots more snow that my dreams last night were an ongoing jumble and tumble, obviously influenced by our clear intention.

So here is what we suspect is coming our way: February will likely see a Pacific trough breakdown of our current high-pressure ridge, followed by ever-more moisture, westerly at first. Then, March stands a good chance to roar in with a real rip-snorter of a Southwester this weekend.

Accumulations will be what they will be. Measure first — then muck with vigor!

FROM THE STANDARD MAIL CAR



Thanks for help with bake sale fundraiser

Editor;
The high school would like to thank everyone who helped with our bake sale fundraiser. To the high school parents — we appreciate all the ways you support us.

To the many community members who contributed baked goods — Linda Luther, Charla Andreatta, Eleanor Haley, Julie D'Anjou, Carolyn Erdman, Pam Welty, Jackie Leithauser, Deborah Runion, Mary Varela, Cassandra Roof, Cecilia Acosta, RuthAnn Caitland, Cindy Rayos, Paulette Schmaltz, Shawna Bethel, and Laila Bryant — we couldn't have done it without you!

To the organizers of Skijoring and the Town of Silverton, thank you for allowing us to host the bake sale during this event. We had several donations that really made the bake sale a success. Thank you to the Brown Bear Café, Keri Metzler/Dillon's Run, and to the Pickle Barrel for donating the hot drinks.

This fundraiser will help send us on our way to Arkansas, where we will learn about world hunger for humanities, and agriculture and genetic modification of foods for science.

Our fieldwork is coming up in April; we'll be presenting what we learn to the community in May.

— Kelly Habecker, high school social studies teacher

Coyotes were rare during the 1950s

Editor;
After reading the letters to the *Standard* concerning coyotes, I would like to respond. I was born and raised in Silverton and was all over those mountains from the late 1940s, the 1950s and the early 1960s, mostly on the trails to all fo the high lakes — from the Highland Marys to the Lost Lake and Ice Lake, and never ever saw or head a coyote.

It is my understanding that coyotes were introduced to that area a few years ago by the government. Unlike wolves, I don't believe coyotes are adaptable to that elevation or the harsh winters of the San Juans, and are migrating to lower climates.

If they are being killed, then I would think the sheriff and all of her deputies would respond ASAP.

Also, if you miss “yodeling” coyotes, then go to Arizona!
— Mike Loftus, Slidell, La.

Town OHV experiment showed little impact

Editor;
As a recently retired accountant and visitor to Silverton since

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Write to us

The *Silverton Standard & the Miner* welcomes letters to the editor. Send letters via e-mail to editor@silvertonstandard.com, or via snail mail to, Editor, *Silverton Standard & the Miner*, P.O. Box 8, Silverton, CO 81433.

HELLO DOWN THERE!



Silverton as seen from the Kendall Mountain Road on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Ray Dileo/Silverton Standard & the Miner

Jean Swanson Robinson dies

By Gerald Swanson

Jean, or Sis as everyone called her, was born in Silverton on March 20, 1932 and passed away in Denver, January 30, 2014.

A 1950 graduate of Silverton High School, she was the daughter of Irwin and Mary Dalla Swanson, the granddaughter of Silverton pioneer family, John and Domenica Dallavalle of the Tyrol region of Austria and Ironton pioneers and saloon owners, John and Katy Swanson of Sweden and Durango.

Sis was born at home, in a two-story house, on the corner of 10th and Greene, during a major winter storm. The roads were blocked going either way in and out of town. She was



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delivered by a mid-wife and her mother's brother, "Uncle Herman," who later commented, "Sis came into this world a screaming during a wild winter 'San Juaner'!"

Sis and I were very close to each other, growing up in the old Dalla boarding house on Cement Street before our mother and father moved over to the Dalla Saloon (currently Villa Dallavalle) and opened Swanson's Market on Blair Street.

We shared most everything, including Scarlet Fever, measles, whooping cough, tonsillitis and an occasional Nehi orange pop with two straws. When I was scolded and cried, Sis always cried with me. She was a very gentle, kind, and caring person. Sis was very active in school. She was a great cheerleader, dancer, and played better football than most boys and out ran

nearly all of them. In the 4th grade, Sis set her eyes on Don "Keso" Robinson, and once smitten, their love affair began! Sis and Keso were married over 50 years and had four beautiful children, Don, Mike, Mary and Julie! After Keso's military service ended, the family settled in Denver, where most still reside with a number of grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Their oldest son, Don, preceded her in death. Sis's house was always the hangout for the kids and their friends. She had a big and Christian heart and always left part of it in Silverton when they brought their family back for holidays and summer vacations. I will always hold on to the wonderful memories I have of the two of us growing up in Silverton with our families, friends and schoolmates! God bless her and her family!

Students sell pizzas to fund Frisco trip

Silverton middle school students are offering Papa Murphy's pizzas for sale to benefit their upcoming field work in San Francisco. The pizzas can be ordered

through Sunday, March 2. See a middle school student to order. Also, a bake sale and pizza sale is set for Friday, March 7 in Silverton School. Concessions sold at the school's play March 13-15 will also benefit the field trip.

More Skijoring Shirts on their way...

(Reserve Now/Limited Sizes)



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STREAM COMING EVENTS:



Science, Technology, Math:
A program for Silverton School made possible by a grant from the 21st Century Community Learning Center.

Contact Paul Joyce: pjoyce@silvertonschool.org, or 387-5544, or stop by the STREAM office at the school for more information and to get signed up!

n Silverton School Science Fair, Today (Feb. 27) in the PAC
n Healthy Foods for Healthy Minds Cooking Class, Wednesdays, 5-7PM in school cafe.
n WILD, WILD, WILDEST WEST Performance, March 13th, 14th, 15th in the PAC.
n Silverton Summer Extravaganza coming soon!
n Dance classes! Tuesdays, 3:30-5:25, ages 12 and under; Wednesdays 3:30-5, Hip hop, 13 and under; Sundays, 5-7, Mixed genre jazz, hip hop, ages 12-adult and 3+ years.
Contact Paul Joyce, 387-5544

'Light of Day Returns'

By Tony Suruda

This evening (Feb. 27) the International Space Station will pass near the San Juans. The ISS will rise in the northwest at 6:25 p.m., reach maximum elevation in the southwest at 6:27, and set in the southeast at 6:29 p.m. Mercury is hidden in the glare of dawn. Four other planets will be easy to see in March. Venus is low in Capricorn in the hours before dawn. On the morning of March 27 it will be next to the crescent moon. Mars in Virgo will brighten this month as its orbit brings it closer to Earth. Jupiter in

SAN JUAN SKYWATCH
Gemini is high in the sky at dusk and visible until after midnight. Saturn in Libra is visible after midnight. New moon is March 1, first-quarter moon is the 8th, and full moon the 16th. For the Osage this is the "Light of Day Returns Moon." Third-quarter moon is the 23rd and new moon returns on the 30th. The 30th marks the vernal equinox. In the late morning the sun crosses the celestial equator and spring begins in the northern hemisphere. Clear skies...

Caucuses March 4

San Juan County Republicans and Democrats will conduct their party caucuses at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4 at the San Juan County

Courthouse.

The Republicans will meet in the county commissioners room and the Democrats will meet in the County Treasurer's Office.

Vote YES on D

...to maintain the community supported compromise that established the "Staging Area" at Silverton Lakes Campground allowing ATVs and unlicensed dirt bikes to gain direct access to the Alpine Loop from the Town of Silverton.

Vote YES on D

...to preserve the safe and peaceful atmosphere that is vital to our economy and the well-being of our community and visitors.

Vote YES on D

....to encourage the Town of Silverton and local merchants to develop a more acceptable plan of welcoming OHV visitors to the Business District.

This ad is paid for by your Friends & Neighbors

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tourists, citizens and traffic come together.

The place where OHVs should not be — as their use of our public streets, especially paved Green Street, could present a danger to them and others. Before making your decision, please consider the following facts from the IIHS report:

- ATVs are not intended for public road use; design features can increase the risks of an accident when they are operated on paved roads. Two-thirds of ATV on-road crashes take place on paved roads.
- In the 5-year study period, there were 1,701 ATV road related rider deaths: 1482 drivers, 210 passengers and nine “unknown.” Only 13 percent of drivers and 6 percent of passengers were wearing helmets; 43 percent of fatally injured drivers had blood alcohol levels of 0.08 percent or more.
- Fatalities by age group: 90 percent were over 16 years of age; the two groups with the highest fatalities rates were 1): ages 20-29 with 25.9 percent for drivers; 22.4 percent for passengers, and 2): ages 50+ with 19.2 percent for drivers; 5.7 percent for passengers.
- In all, there were 1,675 fatal ATV crashes: 75 percent involved ATV’s only, and 20 percent involved an ATV and a non-ATV vehicle — generally cars, SUVs, or pickup trucks. These accidents mostly involved the death of an ATV rider, but 19 of the deaths were non-ATV riders (15 motor-

cyclists, three car occupants, 10 others). Five percent of fatalities involved ATVs colliding with each other.

- IIHS summary states “ATV riders comprise only 1 percent of all motor-vehicle crash deaths on public roads, but their presence on roads endanger themselves and others.”
- For more information from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and other sources, go to www.iihs.org search “ATV fatalities”; www.cpsc.gov, go to ATV information center; www.nhtsa.gov/farssearch “ATVs”; www.rohva.org/; www.svia.org/; www.atvsafety.org/; www.atvsafety.gov/; www.polaris.com search warranty.

In the summer, Silverton’s business HUB is very busy- with traffic of all kinds, with some pedestrians randomly crossing Greene and Blair streets more concerned with the beautiful mountains and our historic town than their safety.

The addition of OHVs into our already crowded streets will present a clear and present danger to pedestrians, motorists, and mostly to OHV drivers and passengers. OHV drivers and passengers are welcome in Silverton, and an OHV staging area is available a short walk from Green and Blair Streets.

Let’s keep SAFETY FIRST. Vote Yes on Referred Measure D.

Everett Lyons is a resident of Silverton.

MOUNTAIN HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, March 4

• County party caucuses, 7 p.m., County Courthouse. Republicans meet in commissioners room, Democrats in Treasurer’s Office.

Monday, March 10

• Silverton Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Tuesday, March 11

• Silverton School Board, 5 p.m., school library.

Wednesday, March 12

• San Juan County Board of Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., County Courthouse.

Tuesday, March 18

• Silverton Town Council Candidates Night Forum, hosted by the *Silverton Standard* and Silverton High School students, 7 p.m., Town Hall.

Ongoing

• San Juan County Historical Society Archive — Regular hours on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (starting Nov. 8).

• Silverton Movement Center: Mondays — 8:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, Silverton School Gym.

Tuesdays — Yoga with Elizabeth, 8:30 a.m.; Belly

Dance III, 6 p.m., Kendall Mountain Community Center;

Wednesdays — All Level Kettlebells, 8:30 a.m.; Core Fitness Roller (limited to 10 students), 5:15 p.m.; Thursdays — Yoga with Katie, 5:30 a.m.; Pilates, 8:30 a.m., Belly Dance Troupe, 7:25 p.m.; Fridays — Kettlebell etc. workout, 8:15 a.m.

• Blair Street Historic District Association, 10 a.m., first Wednesday of each month, Empire Street Bunkhouse.

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets in Silverton every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For locations, questions or help, call (888) 333-9649.

• American Legion meetings, 7 p.m. first Thursday of the month, Legion Post.

Silverton Youth Center activities

Winter schedule:

Monday-Thursday, 5-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 4-10 p.m.; Sunday 3-9; Thursday, 6 p.m. — elementary movie night

Spiritual events

• Church of Christ, Sundays: Bible class, 8 a.m.; service, 9 a.m.; and Sunday Bible discussion, 5 p.m., (970) 946-7648.

• St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Father Nat Foshage, Mass, 5 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays, 1005 Reese St., 325-4373.

• Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, President Duane Eggett, Sunday services: 9 a.m. priesthood, 10 a.m.; sacrament, 11 a.m. Sunday school, 727 Greene St., 387-5338.

• First Congregational Church of Silverton, Sue Kurtz, moderator. Sunday service 9 a.m. All are welcome. 1070 Reese St. (970) 387-5759. e-mail: silver-tonucc@aol.com Website: silvertonchurch.org Look for us on Facebook!

• Silverton Church on the Hill, 11th and Snowden, Pastor Mark Lawson, (970) 387-5215. Sunday KSJC (92.5 FM) 8-10 a.m., Christian music, devotional and sermon; Bible study, 9 a.m.; Children’s Sunday School at 10:15; 10:15 a.m. regular service; Wednesday night prayer/fellowship, 7 p.m.

• Word of Life Fellowship, Pastor Jim Greenfield, Sunday service starts at 9 a.m., 1706 Empire St. 387-5893.

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1972, I chose to relocate here with my wife several years ago. I have always loved Silverton, and now have a stake in the recovery of its economy. Therefore, I was

interested in the outcome of an experiment to introduce OHVs to town this past summer.

I have reviewed the available sales tax data for the three months during which three 5-day OHV special events were conducted and have compared the data to comparable periods in 2012.

There was little difference in sales activity between the two years over the three month period from July through September. There was a modest gain reflecting the gradually improving national economy as the year end figures for 2013 compared to the 4-year trailing averages demonstrate.

Closer scrutiny of each individual month disclosed some inconsistencies, such as the total number of weekend days and public events conducted within each period, that seemed consistent with the small differences in

sales activity reported.

My analysis of the data, taken from every view point that I could imagine, led me to the disappointing conclusion that we haven’t learned anything new from this experiment except that the introduction of OHVs into town had no significant or isolated effect on the Town economy. Unaddressed by the data are concerns, such as whether OHVs in town might help some businesses at the expense of others, or how much of a deterrent effect OHVs might have on non OHV visitors.

When you cast your vote in April, please consider that any claims of increased sales tax revenue received by the Town of Silverton as a result of allowing OHVs in town this past summer are not supported by the sales tax data.

Vote YES on Referred Measure D.

— John Poole, Silverton

Maybe it’s time to let go of that old couch...

...and the appliances you bought with it.

It’s ok for you to be stuck in the 70s, but not your appliances. San Miguel Power will give you cash rebates for upgrading your appliances, lighting and other systems to energy efficient models. So toss out those polyester pants and your old refrigerator and start saving today.

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For the Record

San Juan County Sheriff’s Office blotter

Feb. 17 — Happy Birthday 203! A lost wallet was reported. Four warnings were issued for speeding. Three different traffic complaints that occurred on Hwy 550 were received, the officer was unable to locate any of the vehicles.

Feb. 18 — A warning was issued for speeding. A warning was issued for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Feb. 19 — Two motorists were assisted. Three warnings were issued for speeding. A warning was issued for aggressive snowmobile driving.

Feb. 20 — A theft was reported. A warning was issued for speeding.

Feb. 21 — A warning was issued for speeding. A warning was issued for parking and blocking a lane of traffic. A warning was issued for aggressive driving.

Feb. 22 — Aaron J. Ward, of Carbondale, CO, was issued a summons for driving under denial and for speeding 35 in a 25 mph zone. Three warnings were issued for speeding.

Feb. 23 — Brick Linder, of Canadensis, PA, was issued a citation for speeding 43 in a 25 mph zone. Two warnings were issued for speeding.

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KICKING IT!



The 17th annual Silverton Kicksled Rodeo slid along Blair Street on Saturday, Feb. 22, with various races and some Kicksled Ballet.

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& the Miner**



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tainted water to any treatment plant, should that be developed.

“The ability to manage water at certain times of the year is possible,” Way said. “We won’t know till we try it.”

Way and others said they saw little down side to the plan.

State and federal officials indicated there’s a good chance that plugging the mine opening will dramatically reduce flow of acid-mine drainage.

They pointed out that the bulkheading of the American Tunnel cut the overall discharge from 1,600 gallons per minute to 650 or so.

Bruce Stover, director of Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety’s Office of Active and Inactive Mines, said it’s worth a shot.

“We could open the valve if it doesn’t work,” he said. “We’re doing this at a couple of other places in Colorado too.”

He acknowledged plugging the Red & Bonita may indeed lead to “slight increases” in discharges elsewhere on Bonita Mountain.

But he said it makes sense to try to “plug the holes in the barrel” and “what we’re left with we have to treat.”

“The opinion that many of us have is that yes, that should be the next step,” Way added. “If it doesn’t work there is not a lot lost.”

And he said that “if this performs well, now you know we can look at the Mogul (mine) again.”

Way said the response in the Animas River below Cement Creek would likely occur rather quickly.

He pointed out that some 18 percent of the dissolved zinc in the Animas below Silverton can be traced back to the Red & Bonita adit alone.

And if all of that zinc can be removed, it might facilitate recovery of trout downstream in the Cascade Creek area, where four out of five species have disappeared since 2005.

“The question is what happens in a year, five years,” Way said. But he expressed confidence that much of the drainage could be stopped.

The bulkhead would likely involve up to 75 cubic yards of reinforced concrete to plug the mine entrance.

“There is only a downside to saying ‘no,’” said Kirstin Brown, reclamation specialist with DRMS.

Meanwhile, the Animas River Stakeholders Group is offering a bounty of \$12,000 for the best innovative ideas to address the mine waste contamination in Cement Creek.

The challenge is posted on the website innocentive.com

As of Monday, 261 people had registered to offer solutions. The deadline is March 8.

“They may not all give us a solution but at least they’re working on something,” said Peter Butler, coordinator for the stakeholders group.

The stakeholders’ meeting at

Town Hall last week came in the wake of recent criticism regarding perceived inaction on Cement Creek and a petition drive urging the EPA and state officials to more aggressively address the water-quality problems.

Four abandoned mine adits are pouring hundreds of gallons of acid-mine drainage per minute into Cement Creek. The situation has worsened in the last few years, although there have been some recent indications the problem has stabilized. The drainage from just those four mine adits now represents about half the metals loading in the Animas River below Cement Creek.

San Juan County Commissioner Pete McKay said “we’re hearing more and more unease. People don’t understand why there isn’t a solution.”

“We don’t have answers,” McKay said. “I feel we’re reaching a tipping point. I don’t know how much longer this can go on. Things are moving to some kind of head.”

And County Board Chairman Ernie Kuhlman asked “how long do we have to study this before we come to a conclusion?”

With estimates for a treatment plant running at more than \$10 million to build and perhaps \$1 million a year to operate, the stakeholders have been trying to find a less costly option.

Sunnyside Gold Corp., a subsidiary of Kinross Gold, has pledged \$6.5 million as part of a collaborative cleanup effort, as long as the area does not face a

so-called Superfund designation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

“The \$6.5 million is contingent on it not being a Superfund site,” said Larry Perino, reclamation manager for Sunnyside Gold. “It (the money) would go to legal if it goes to Superfund.”

And he indicated there really is no outline on how the money should be spent — just not \$6.5 million in studies.

The EPA’s Steven Way indicated that more action to address the Cement Creek issues will be forthcoming.

“We’re coming to a fork in the road,” Way said. “Fish or cut bait is where we are.”

Federal officials indicated the BLM and EPA have scoped out many issues related to potential responsible parties.

“As far as I know it is going to come to a conclusion fairly quickly — weeks or months,” Way said. “Sunnyside’s attorneys are talking to ours.”

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY
THE SAN JUAN COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE
SERVICE AUTHORITY TO
CHANGE EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE SURCHARGE

Date of Notice: January 30, 2014
PUC Docket No. 14A-0103T

This Notice is given by the San
Juan County Emergency
Telephone Service Authority, P. O.
Box 178, Silverton, CO 81433

You are hereby notified that the
San Juan County Emergency
Telephone Service Authority ("the
Authority") has applied to the
Colorado Public Utilities
Commission for approval of an
increase the emergency tele-
phone service surcharge affecting
all users of telephone services in
San Juan County (including users
of wireless and voice over inter-
net communication services).
The Authority proposes to
increase the per line surcharge
for enhanced 911 telephone serv-
ice from the present rate of \$1.00

per line per month to a new rate
of \$1.75 per line per month with
the rate change to become effec-
tive as soon as the petition is
granted by the PUC. A copy of
the petition is available for inspec-
tion at the offices of the Colorado
Public Utilities Commission or at
the offices of the San Juan
County Sheriff, San Juan County
Courthouse, Silverton, CO.

The requested increase of the
surcharge from \$1.00 to \$1.75
per service user per month is
necessary to pay for and to main-
tain enhanced 911 emergency
telephone services for San Juan
County. All users of telephone
services in San Juan County,
including wireless, wireline and
VOIP will be affected by the pro-
posed increase in the E911 sur-
charge.

Anyone may file written com-
ments or objections concerning
the application with the
Commission. The address and
email address of the Commission
to which written comments or

objections may be sent is:
Colorado Public Utilities
Commission, 1560 Broadway,
Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202,
email address dora_puc_com-
plaints@state.co.us. In addition,
comments can be made online at
the PUC website by entering the
following address in your browser:
"www.dora.state.co.us/pls/real/CC
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Commission will consider all writ-
ten comments and objections
submitted prior to the evidentiary
hearing on the application.

If a person desires to participate
as a party in any proceeding
before the Commission regarding
the filing of this application, such
person shall file an intervention in
accordance with Rule 1401 of the
Commission's Rules of Practice
and Procedure or any applicable
Commission order within thirty
days after the date of the
Commission's Notice of
Application Filed dated January
30, 2014.

The Commission may hold a pub-

lic hearing in addition to an evi-
dentiary hearing on the applica-
tion and that, if such a public
hearing is held, members of the
public may attend and may make
statements even if they did not
file comments, objections or an
intervention.

If the petition is uncontested or
unopposed, the Commission may
determine the matter without a
hearing and without further notice.

Any person desiring information
regarding if and when hearings
may be held shall submit a written
request to the Commission or
shall alternatively contact the
External Affairs section of the
Commission at its local (303-894-
2070) or toll-free (800-456-0858)
phone number.

By: San Juan County Emergency
Telephone Service Authority,
Susan R. Kurtz, Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
San Juan County Board of
Commissioners
Preliminary-Final Plan Review –
Big Dipper Lode, M.S. 11023
Improvement Permit
March 12, 2014

The County of San Juan hereby
gives notice of a hearing to
receive public comment regarding
a consolidated Preliminary-Final
Plan Submittal for an
Improvement Permit on the Big
Dipper Lode, M.S. 11023. The
owners/applicants, Stephen Stern
and Rebecca Ely, are requesting
approval to construct a single-
family cabin (approximately 750
square feet), associated improve-
ments and access driveway on
the site. The property is located
off County Road 14 within the
Mountain Zoning District and sub-
ject to Back-Country
Development regulations. The
Board of County Commissioners
will conduct the public hearing on
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 dur-
ing a meeting that begins at 8:30
AM in the Commissioners' Meeting
Room, 1st Floor of the San Juan
County Courthouse, 1557 Greene
Street, Silverton, Colorado.

SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET FEBRUARY 12,
AND THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

SILVERTON AMBULANCE, SALES TAX PAYMENT	10507.38
LARRY RIDDELL, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	1200.00
MAISEL EXCAVATION, COAL (HOSP-CH)	2017.75
EARNEST SCHAAF, 2013 ANNUAL PAYMENT	1100.00
HOUSING SOLUTIONS REIMB	64179.38
VISA, BILLS	3282.29
CENTURY LINK, BILLS	1251.05
AT&T, BILLS	147.07
IVY LEFEBVRE, JAN 14 SNOW REMOVAL	416.00
JOHN SCHERTZ, JAN 14 FURNACE TENDING	1116.00
JOHN RICHARDSON, REPAIRS (HOSP-CH)	1037.50
BECCY RHOADES, JAN 14 CUSTODIAN PAY	1712.00
SILVERTON STANDARD, LEGALS	1222.95
SILVERTON WEB WORKS, TREASURERS BILL	1450.00
MASTERS TOUCH, TREAS MAIL SERVICE	1655.95
CO STATE PATROL, DISPATCHING SERVICE	16383.00
DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE, 2014 ID CHECKING GUID	29.95
CO SHERIFFS OF CO, 2014 DUES	1927.71
VIOLENCE PREVENTION, 2014 DUES	40.00
WEX BANK, SHERIFFS FUEL	692.41
POST OFFICE, EPT-NURSE BOX RENT	108.00
OPEN SESAME, DOOR SPACER ASSEMBLY	27.00
SILVERTON GROCERY, CUSTODIAN SUPPLIES	129.50
TOWN OF SILVERTON, W/S TRHU 12-26-13	1097.13
SILVERTON LP GAS, TANK FILL UP	204.25
ZE SUPPLY, CUSTODIAN SUPPLIES	603.00
SAN MIGUEL POWER, BILLS	1683.00
PAUL C. SUNDERLAND, JAN 14 SERVICES	3568.75
HART INTERCIVIC, SOFTWARE LICENSE SUPPORT	7212.00
SW CO COUNCIL OF GOV, 2014 SWCCOG DUES	2092.00
BRAINSTORM, INTERNET	349.00
BOB'S JOHNS, TOILETS ON RED MOUNTAIN	358.31
CANON, METER USAGE	136.90
SUPERIOR ALARM, BILL	104.00
ADVANCED ALGORYTHMS, YEARLY HOSTING	150.00
LA PLATA CO SHERIFF, JAN INMATE TRANSPORT	157.12
OFFICE DEPOT, SUPPLIES	272.75
AMBULANCE ASSOC, JAN 14 MONTHLY PAYMENT	7200.00
FIRE AUTHORITY, 1ST QTR PAYMENT	6440.00
STATE OF CO DPA/DIV, FEB 14 MV RENEWALS	8.82
REGION 9, TPR-ANNUAL DUES	776.00
TOTAL GENERAL	144045.92
ROAD	
WEX BANK, FUEL	959.36
FORWARD EDGE, BILL	75.00
MAISEL EXCAVATION, COAL	1927.50
CENTURY LINK, BILLS	202.68
TOWN OF SILVERTON, W/S TRHU 12-26-13	552.57
FOUR CORNERS WELDING, KOX-MAC	45.00
SILVERTON GROCERY, SUPPLIES	28.97
SAN MIGUEL POWER, BILLS	535.80
ZE SUPPLY, SUPPLIES	131.56
GOLDEN WEST INDUSTRIAL, SUPPLIES	652.92
SILVERTON LP GAS, 2 TANK FILL UPS	1290.00
SAN JUAN SERVICES, FUEL	2443.12
TRIANGLE SERVICE, FILTERS, OIL, FLUID	123.80
WAGNER EQUIP, PARTS	2742.30
ALSCO, BILL	57.60
TOTAL ROAD	11768.18
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	155814.10

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
San Juan County Board of
Commissioners
Preliminary-Final Plan Review –
Ute Chief Lode Improvement
Permit
March 12, 2014

The County of San Juan hereby
gives notice of a hearing to
receive public comment regarding
a consolidated Preliminary-Final
Plan submittal for an
Improvement Permit on the Ute
Chief Lode, MS 18463. The appli-
cant/owner, Pete Maisel, is
requesting approval to construct a
1-story, single-family cabin (750
square feet with a bonus of 250
square feet), associated improve-
ments and access driveway on
the site. The property is located
on a private access road off
County Road 33A within the
Mountain Zoning District and sub-
ject to Back-Country
Development regulations. The
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Wednesday, March 12, 2014 dur-
ing a meeting that begins at 8:30
AM in the Commissioners' Meeting
Room, 1ST Floor of the San Juan
County Courthouse, 1557 Greene
Street, Silverton, Colorado.

NOTICE is further given that all
persons may appear and present
oral and written testimony regard-
ing this Preliminary-Final Plan
proposal prior to, or at the public
hearing. Interested persons may
review the application at the
Planning Department in the
Silverton Town Hall, 1360 Greene
Street, Silverton, Colorado or they
may call 970-387-5522, Ext. 16
during regular business hours.
Written comments should be
directed to Bob Nevins,
Town/County Planner, Town of
Silverton, P.O. Box 250, Silverton,
CO 81433.

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In accordance with House Bill 1044 which concerns the publications of salary information by Counties, the following are the Gross Salaries for San Juan COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIAL: FOR 2013	
ELECTED OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES	
COMMISSIONER	21900.00
COMMISSIONER	21900.00
COMMISSIONER	21900.00
COUNTY CLERK	43800.00
TREASURER	43800.00
ASSESSOR	43800.00
SHERIFF	49100.04
ADMINISTRATOR	64896.96
UNDERSHERIFF	4466.00
UNDERSHERIFF	56126.15
CORONER	9900.00
DEPUTY SHERIFF	27961.50
DEPUTY SHERIFF	31262.00
DEPUTY SHERIFF	4000.50
CLERK DISPATCH	40281.00
ALPINE RANGER	10336.00
DEPUTY CO CLERK	8428.00
DEPUTY CO CLERK	7224.00
DEPUTY TREAS-ASSESSOR	22764.00
SOCIAL SERVICE	30149.52
RETAC	63000.00
COUNTY NURSE	22100.04
NURSE ASSISTANT	5985.00
NURSE ASSISTANT	7673.63
EPD DIRECTOR	12067.92
VETS OFFICER	798.00
ROAD FOREMAN	50352.96
ROAD OVERSEER	63779.04
ROAD OPERATOR	47370.84
TOTAL WAGES	837123.10

Metal Prices	
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014	
Gold	1325.20
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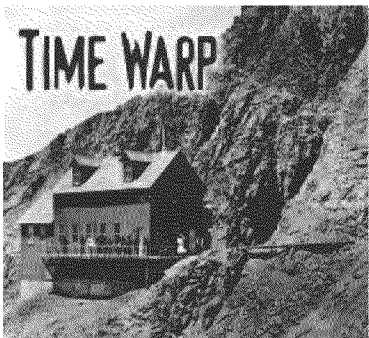
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Silverton Standard & Caboose

Thursday, February 27, 2014, Silverton, Colorado

"The past is not dead. In fact, it's not even past." — William Faulkner



From the February 27, 1878 edition of the *Denver Daily Tribune*:

DEATH IN A SNOW SLIDE. Further Particulars in the Fate of J.L. Briggs, of Silverton.

The *Tribune*, of the twenty-fourth, published a brief account of the accident death of J.L. Briggs of Silverton, who was caught in a snow slide on Hazelton Mountain.

The *La Plata Miner* issues an "extra" giving further particulars of the catastrophe. It appears that on Sunday morning, the seventeenth, Mr. Briggs left his camp to get a pair of snow shoes at the Aspen dump, a short distance only, left there by O.M. Osman, intending, after securing them, to go to Arastra gulch, or to Parson's cabin, and from there to Silverton. Mr. Briggs was watched by men from his cabin, until he disappeared over the ridge, when, knowing the snow shoes were but a few yards from him, they went into the cabin, supposing he had reached them safely. When Mr. Briggs got within about twenty feet of the snow shoes, the snow broke with him and carried him down the mountain some two thousand feet and within one hundred yards of the gulch, where the slide stopped. ...

Mr. Briggs was a man between thirty-five and forty years of age. He came to the San Juan country in 1874. In 1875 he put up the building now known as the Silverton Hotel. In August he located a tunnel sight on Hazelton Mountain, a few hundred feet east of the Susquehanna tunnel, and in the running of this tunnel he has thrown all his energy and enterprise. The work has progressed three hundred and fifty feet, and in our last issue we mentioned the fact of his having tapped a vein of mineral.

From the March 2, 1878 edition of the Colorado Springs *Gazette*:

RAILROAD NEEDED.

It costs about four cents a pound to carry goods from the present terminus of the D.&R.G.

SNOW TUNNEL, 1932



Photo courtesy of San Juan County Historical Society

The Carl. D Curtis Hardware store in March 1932, with a tunnel driven through a snowbank. It is now Adelaide's Antiques. Silverton was cut off from the outside world for three months during that severe winter.

road to Silverton and that neighborhood. This section needs a railroad.

100 YEARS AGO

From the February 28, 1914 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

JACK KOCEVAR KILLED BY 'PERSON UNKNOWN.'

The coroner's jury which conducted its inquiry Monday and Tuesday into the cause of the death of Jack Kocovar, failed to bring out any substantial evidence, although many witnesses were examined with no other persons but the coroner, jury, district attorney and stenographer in the room at the time. The jury rendered a verdict that Mr. Kocovar came to his death on February 21st, 1914, from the effects of a blow from a heavy instrument held in the hands of some person unknown to this jury, inflicted with felonious intent.

Kocovar was known to be of a quiet and peaceable nature, with no enemies. He was last seen alive about three o'clock Saturday morning. Four suspects are under arrest and are being held by Sheriff Pearson. The coroner's jury was composed of D. Preston Bell, Alex Ptolemy, Ira Torrey, Adam Fleuharty, Cyril Brown and George Mugler.

The funeral of Jack Kocovar,

who was found in an unconscious condition near Mrs. John Dalla's boarding house early Saturday morning, and taken to Miners' Union hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness late that afternoon, was held from the Catholic church Wednesday afternoon, Father Kleinbrecht officiating. The deceased is survived by his wife and son in the old country, by a brother, Matt Kocovar, a nephew, Louis Kocovar, and a niece and son-in-law in this city. Interment was at Hillside cemetery.

From the February 29, 1908 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

CLOCK ARRIVES FOR COURT HOUSE TOWER

Thursday morning, the new clock for the court house arrived from Boston. The bell has been here since before the first of the year. Immediately upon the arrival of the clock a telegram was sent to the Howard Watch company so that they could at once send a man to install it.

When complete and in place it will cost the county \$1,765. It will strike the hour and the half hour and is guaranteed to keep time within one minute per month. It will hereafter be unnecessary for workmen within a radius of one mile from the court house to carry a time piece ... We are all anxiously awaiting the installation of this splendid time piece.

From the February 26, 1921 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

2 MURDERED IN IRONTON.

Fred. Jacobs and Hindmarch Hall were killed at Ironton, just over the line in Ouray county, some time Thursday night by William Nagle, an employee of Jacobs. The killing occurred in Nagle's cabin a few hundred feet from the White Cloud boarding house, where Jacobs and other employees of the operating company were living.

Looking Back ...

10 Years Ago
February 28, 1903

They gave him just five days to make a decision. Mayor Jim Huffman must decide by today (Friday) whether to step down from his position as Mayor and remain a town trustee, or to take his chances in an official hearing of his colleagues and face possible expulsion from the board.

Facing an audience of around 50 people, Huffman sat at the boardroom table Monday night and read an apology. His voice was quiet and he sometimes stuttered as he spoke the words which the audience strained to hear.

At the center of the issue was Huffman's statement last week ... that he'd "rather have a truckload of Taliban here than MSI (Mountain Studies Institute)."

20 Years Ago
February 24, 1994

Volunteers will make the Kendall Mountain Ski Area a reality soon.

Forty-one Silvertonians met Feb. 15 at the Rusty Cowboy to activate a 1990 Kellogg Group plan: restore the ski tow and warming hut and provide water, sewer and electricity to the Kendall Mountain Ski area. "Stay focused," urged coordinator Mike Maxfield. "A swimming pool and landing strip are Phase 10; right now we want the basics."

25 Years Ago
February 23, 1989

Sheriff's blotter: Feb. 20 — Brian Luther reported a dog killed one of his chickens. Found and impounded dog, who was later claimed as belonging to Keith Daniels.

As of last Thursday morning, the Durango & Silverton railroad had cleaned up much of the mess from the Feb. 10 fire which destroyed the Durango roundhouse. ... Railroad officials are optimistic about running a full schedule this summer.

30 Years Ago
March 1, 1984

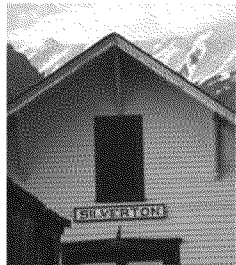
Darlene Ross and Mark Watson were united in marriage at the home of Mike and Yvonne Manzanarez on February 13. The double ring ceremony was performed by Pastor Earl Burnett.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Edith Ross of Silverton, and the groom is the son of Lynn and Connie Watson of Cortez. ...

Mike Watson was best man and Yvonne Manzanarez was Maid of Honor.

A reception immediately followed. Guests were Jane Groff, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Archuleta, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manzanarez, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Angel, Troy Angel, Connie Boglino, Jeff Salazar, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Watson of Silverton.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ross of Redvale, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Don Arnold and Summer Dawn of Nucla and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Watson of Cortez.



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